

**South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
WEEKLY FILINGS
For the Period of May 24, 2007 through May 30, 2007**

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ELECTRIC

EL07-019 In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy for Approval of a Contract with Deviations with Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad.

Application by NorthWestern Energy for approval of a contract with deviations and associated tariff revisions to serve Burlington Northern Railroad. The customer has requested service to two new switch heaters which will require significant buried line and new transformers. The contract will allow NorthWestern to recover the cost of these facilities from the customer.

Staff Analyst: Dave Jacobson
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Filed: 05/24/07
Intervention Deadline: 06/15/07

EL07-020 In the Matter of the Joint Request for an Electric Service Territory Boundary Change between Clay-Union Electric Corporation and NorthWestern Energy.

On May 25, 2007, Clay-Union Electric Corporation (Clay-Union) and Northwestern Public Service, dba Northwestern Energy (NWE) filed for Commission approval of a Service Territory Transfer Agreement between the two companies. Clay Union agrees to transfer to NWE one service location on the east half of the southeast quarter, Section 18, Township 94 North, Range 54 West, Yankton County, SD. Clay-Union's three phase infrastructure to serve this irrigation service is not in close proximity while NWE already serves an irrigation service on the west half of section 18. It is the opinion of both electric companies that this transfer of service location will minimize the duplication of electric service, will provide adequate electric service and will promote the efficient and economical use and development of the electric systems of the electric utilities.

Staff Analyst: Nathan Solem/Martin Bettmann
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 05/25/07
Intervention Deadline: 06/15/07

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TC07-035 In the Matter of the Request of West River Cooperative Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On May 24, 2007, West River Cooperative Telephone Co. (West River) provided information constituting West River's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and

to otherwise verify that West River will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 05/24/07
Intervention Deadline: 06/08/07

TC07-036 In the Matter of the Approval of a Business Escalation Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Verizon Business Network Services, Inc.

On May 24, 2007 the Commission received a filing for the approval of a Business Escalation Agreement, between Qwest Services Corporation and its affiliates and Verizon Business Network Services, Inc. and its affiliates. Any party wishing to comment on the Agreement may do so by filing written comments with the Commission and the parties to the Agreement no later than June 13, 2007. Parties to the Agreement may file written responses to the comments no later than twenty days after service of the initial comments.

Staff Attorney: Kara Van Bockern
Date Filed: 05/24/07
Initial Comments Due: 06/13/07

TC07-037 In the Matter of the Request of Midstate Communications, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On May 25, 2007, Midstate Communications, Inc. (Midstate) provided information constituting Midstate's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Midstate will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
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Intervention Deadline: 06/08/07

TC07-038 In the Matter of the Request of Midstate Telecom, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On May 25, 2007, Midstate Telecom, Inc. (Midstate) provided information constituting Midstate's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Midstate will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
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TC07-039 In the Matter of the Request of Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On May 29, 2007, Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association, Inc. (Valley) provided information constituting Valley's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Valley will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
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TC07-040 In the Matter of the Request of Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On May 29, 2007, Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. (Alliance) provided information constituting Alliance's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Alliance will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

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TC07-041 In the Matter of the Request of Splitrock Properties, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On May 29, 2007, Splitrock Properties, Inc. (Splitrock) provided information constituting Splitrock's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Splitrock will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

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TC07-042 In the Matter of the Request of Hills Telephone Company, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On May 29, 2007, Hills Telephone Company, Inc. (Hills) provided information constituting Hills's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Hills will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer

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TC07-043 In the Matter of the Request of Western Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On May 29, 2007, Western Telephone Company (Western) provided information constituting Western's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Western will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
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TC07-044 In the Matter of the Request of West River Telecommunications Cooperative (Mobridge) for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On May 29, 2007, West River Telecommunications Cooperative (Mobridge) provided information constituting Mobridge's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Mobridge will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

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TC07-045 In the Matter of the Request of West River Telecommunications Cooperative (McLaughlin) for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On May 29, 2007, West River Telecommunications Cooperative (McLaughlin) provided information constituting McLaughlin's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that McLaughlin will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
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TC07-046 In the Matter of the Request of Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association and RC Communications, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On May 29, 2007, Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association and RC Communications, Inc. (Roberts/RC) provided information constituting Roberts/RC's plan for the

use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Roberts/RC will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

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**TC07-047 In the Matter of the Request of RC Communications, Inc. d/b/a RC Services
for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.**

On May 29, 2007, RC Communications, Inc. d/b/a RC Services (RC Services) provided information constituting RC Services's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that RC Services will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

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**TC07-048 In the Matter of the Request of Tri-County Telcom, Inc. for Certification
Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.**

On May 29, 2007, Tri-County Telcom, Inc. (Tri-County) provided information constituting Tri-County's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Tri-County will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

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Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
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**TC07-049 In the Matter of the Request of McCook Cooperative Telephone Company
for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.**

On May 29, 2007, McCook Cooperative Telephone Company (McCook) provided information constituting McCook's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that McCook will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

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Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
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TC07-050 In the Matter of the Request of Armour Independent Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On May 29, 2007, Armour Independent Telephone Company (Armour) provided information constituting Armour's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Armour will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

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Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
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TC07-051 In the Matter of the Request of Bridgewater-Canistota Independent Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On May 29, 2007, Bridgewater-Canistota Independent Telephone Company (Bridgewater) provided information constituting Bridgewater's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Bridgewater will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

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TC07-052 In the Matter of the Request of Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On May 29, 2007, Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (Golden West) provided information constituting Golden West's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Golden West will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

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TC07-053 In the Matter of the Request of Kadoka Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On May 29, 2007, Kadoka Telephone Company (Kadoka) provided information constituting Kadoka's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Kadoka will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

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TC07-054 In the Matter of the Request of Sioux Valley Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On May 29, 2007, Sioux Valley Telephone Company (Sioux Valley) provided information constituting Sioux Valley's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Sioux Valley will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

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TC07-055 In the Matter of the Request of Union Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On May 29, 2007, Union Telephone Company (Union) provided information constituting Union's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Union will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

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Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
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TC07-056 In the Matter of the Request of Vivian Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On May 29, 2007, Vivian Telephone Company (Vivian) provided information constituting Vivian's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Vivian will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
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TC07-057 In the Matter of the Application of Midcontinent Communications for Approval to Expand its Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Service in the Gayville Rural Service Area.

On May 29, 2007, Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent) filed a petition to amend its certificate of authority to provide local exchange service in the rural exchange area of Gayville, South Dakota. "Among other things, this application is a competitive response to the provision of video programming in the geographical area by the incumbent carrier, PrairieWave Community Telephone, Inc....Section 47 U.S.C. 251(f)(1)(C) is applicable to the application. As such, the exemption provided by 47 U.S.C. 251(f)(1)(A) does not apply to PrairieWave."

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Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
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TC07-058 In the Matter of the Request of Venture Communications Cooperative for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On May 30, 2007, Venture Communications Cooperative (Venture) provided information constituting Venture's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Venture will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

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Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
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TC07-059 In the Matter of the Request of Qwest Corporation for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On May 30, 2007, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) provided information constituting Qwest's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Qwest will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is intended.

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Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
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TC07-060 In the Matter of the Request of RT Communications, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On May 30, 2007, RT Communications, Inc. (RT) provided information constituting RT's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that RT will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

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Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
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**TC07-061 In the Matter of the Filing by PrairieWave Community Telephone, Inc. for
Approval of Revisions to its Intrastate Switched Access Tariff.**

On May 30, 2007, PrairieWave Community Telephone, Inc. (PrairieWave) filed to revise its Intrastate Switched Access Tariff by adding Direct-Trunked Transport Monthly Rates. PrairieWave requests an effective date of June 30, 2007.

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